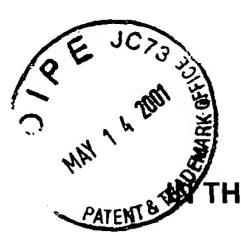
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#### FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in connection with the aboveidentified U.S. patent application, serial number 09/778,595 filed on February 6, 2001:

## **IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please amend FIG. 4 of the drawings as shown in the attached marked version with the amendment shown in red.

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